

Te Marua Golf Club – January 2012 Newsletter

Message from the Club Captain

Christmas is well and truly behind us now. Best wishes to all club members for a successful year ahead.

The 33rd Te Marua Masters saw 172 players contest for the coveted jackets. Unfortunately for the second year in a row the weather again hampered the competition with the final days play abandoned mid afternoon. Well done to all the players who battled through the wet conditions during the morning. Many thanks must go to our primary sponsor Newbolds Upper Hutt (James Omundsen) who once again donated a Panasonic 42" Plasma TV and a Haier Bar Fridge with contents for us to raffle.

Subscription renewal notices are now out and I urge you to continue your membership at what is truly a great club and a wonderful course to play your golf. Please encourage friends and family to take up membership as well.

Opening Day is upon us soon and will start with the customary fun tournament. Interclub kicks off soon too, with the Mens 36 hole team playing their first game on January 28th, the 18 hole Mens and Womens commence in mid-February as does the Junior age grade Pennants.

Your 2011 Executive Committee is in place and raring to go. Detail on who's who is covered below.

Good Golfing
Terry Carter

What's HAPPENED

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal notices are now out for the year February 2011 to January 2012. To receive the prompt payment discount the entire sub must be paid in full by the end of February. For those paying by instalment, arrangements should be made with Di at the office.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

The hard and fast conditions continue. However, Greens and Tees are being watered regularly.

Greens staff too have been having well earned holidays over the January period, so other than normal mowing and tidy up, not a lot else to report.

Some additional mounding projects are likely to occur over Feb and March.

33rd TE MARUA MASTERS – December 27th to 30th

Our annual tournament was reduced to the first 3 rounds due to the weather as mentioned earlier. It was great to see one of our younger players Legion Tumataroa taking out the senior title.

Thank you to the Greens staff, Masters committee and volunteers for all their hard work yet again.

Congratulations to our 2011 Champions:

Senior	Leigeon Tumataroa	Te Marua
Intermediate	Vito Sione	Trentham Camp
Junior	Jose Cooper	Te Marua
Silver	Kawhena Rangihaeata	Te Marua
Bronze	Gina Carter-Omundsen	Te Marua

Full details of the scores, the nett scores and the daily stablefords are accessible through your DotGolf login on the internet or through the clubs website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2012

At the December AGM, the committee was appointed and is made up of the following members.

Terry Carter (Club Captain), John Cooper (President), James Omundsen (Greens Convenor), Hai Do (acting Treasurer), Peter Gallen (Committee & Match Convenor), Theresa Scholey (Committee & Admin Liaison), Dave Workman (Committee & Junior Convenor), Viv Reynolds (Committee & Weekend Womens Captain), Allan Fayen (House Captain), Allan Old (Committee & Sponsorship/Promotion).

PROGRAMME BOOKS 2012

Our club programme books are currently being finalised with the printer and will be available early February. Anyone wanting to access the monthly events/competitions information for the year can view this on the club's website.

We have also been advised that the WGI will not be producing their programme book this year, as a cost saving move, and all information is available on their website.

NEAREST THE PIN #15

Due to the economic downturn the Rimutuka Tavern/Trust have ceased their sponsorship of the nearest of the pin on #15. We would like to thank them for their support over the years.

However, the Pak n Save sponsorship on #2 is continuing.

RULES OF GOLF - IMPORTANT CHANGES

The new 2012 - 2015 Rule books are available from our Club shop which are free of charge.

There are a few significant changes of which you need to be aware:

This excerpt from the Wellington Golf Referees Association newsletter, a copy of which is on the Club Notice board in the downstairs hallway.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES INTRODUCED INTO THE 2012 CODE

Addressing the Ball

The Definition is amended so that a player has addressed the ball simply by grounding his club immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether or not he has taken his stance. Therefore, the Rules generally no longer provide for a player addressing the ball in a hazard. (See also related change to Rule 18-2b)

Rules Rule 1-2. Exerting Influence on Movement of Ball or Altering Physical Conditions The Rule is amended to establish more clearly that, if a player intentionally takes an action to influence the movement of a ball or to alter physical conditions affecting the playing of a hole in a way that is not permitted by the Rules, Rule 1-2 applies only when the action is not already covered in another Rule. For example, a player improving the lie of his ball is in breach of Rule 13-2 and therefore that Rule would apply, whereas a player intentionally improving the lie of a fellow-competitor's ball is not a situation covered by Rule 13-2 and, therefore, is governed by Rule 1-2. **Rule 6-3a. Time of Starting** Rule 6-3a is amended to provide that the penalty for starting late, but within five minutes of the starting time, is reduced from disqualification to loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Previously this penalty reduction could be introduced as a condition of competition.

Rule 12-1. Seeing Ball; Searching for Ball Rule 12-1 is reformatted for clarity. In addition, it is amended to (i) permit a player to search for his ball anywhere on the course when it may be covered by sand and to clarify that there is no penalty if the ball is moved in these circumstances, and (ii) apply a penalty of one

stroke under Rule 18-2a if a player moves his ball in a hazard when searching for it when it is believed to be covered by loose impediments.

Rule 13-4. Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions Exception 2 to Rule 13-4 is amended to permit a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and Rule 13-2 is not breached.

Rule 18-2b. Ball Moving After Address A new Exception is added that exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.

Rule 19-1. Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped; By Outside Agency The note is expanded to prescribe the various outcomes when a ball in motion has been deliberately deflected or stopped by an outside agency.

Rule 20-7c. Playing from Wrong Place; Stroke Play Note 3 is amended so that if a player is to be penalised for playing from a wrong place, in most cases the penalty will be limited to two strokes, even if another Rule has been breached prior to his making the stroke.

Appendix IV A new Appendix is added to prescribe general regulations for the design of devices and other equipment, such as tees, gloves and distance measuring devices.

If you need assistance to understand the above changes, please contact our Match Convenor, Pete Gallen on pete_g@xtra.co.nz

TEAMS TWILIGHT – Started Thursday January 27th

We have 14 teams competing in this year's competition. This is 4 person team event running over six weeks on Thursday evenings. Cost is \$96 per team and the first tee time is at 5:45pm. The competition is Singles and 4-Ball Match Play (on Stableford).

What's HAPPENING.....

WOMENS INTERCLUB - for 2012

The Weekend Women's Interclub starts on February 11th. Wellington Golf is trialing having the two weekend competitions on the same Saturday and on the same course where applicable. Off The Stick (OTS) is now called Championship with the same format and Mary Alward competitions remains the same. If you are interested in playing interclub, please contact Viv Reynolds in the first instance.

INTERCLUB POLO SHIRTS

In December the Club applied to NZCT for replacement interclub shirts. Late last week we were advised that our application will be considered at their meeting on 8th February. Finger crossed !!!

COURSE AVAILABILITY & WEEKEND INTERCLUB

Men's 36-hole interclub begins on January 28th, Women's Championship and Lansdowne start on 11th February and the Men's 18-hole competition starts on 18th February. In the absence of our Programme Book (which is with the printer at the moment) the full "Interclub" competition draw, showing venue and opposition for each team, is available from the Wellington Golf website (www.wga.co.nz) Events and Results / Events Calendar page. Te Marua hosts teams from other clubs throughout the year and this impacts the availability of the course, sometimes resulting in the course being unavailable until the afternoon. Interclub fixtures at Te Marua are USUALLY recorded in the on-line tee booking system, but if you are one of those who have no internet access and/or you have your 'regular' outing on a Saturday, please ensure you check with the Shop and/or Tee Booking system before just rolling up for a game on a Saturday.

TEE BOOKING AND CANCELLATIONS

As you are likely aware, booking sheets operate for Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. If you make a booking on these days and find you need to cancel your booking - for whatever reason - please ensure

you update the Tee Booking system. If that need for cancellation arises after 4:00pm on the prior day, please make sure you contact the Club Shop first thing on the day for which the booking was made to confirm that the Shop staff are aware of the change (They will then be in a position to, if necessary, rearrange groups on the day.

FYI - approx 12 people across different timeslots failed to show on Sunday 23rd January – only 2 notified the shop their intended absence which left a couple of groups of 2 and/or 3 out in the middle of a field of 4s – which created its own issues. Please do your bit to help this aspect of running our club.

RETURN OF SCORECARDS

When you play at another course, please leave your completed scorecard at that club for input into the DotGolf computer system. The same applies to visitors to Te Marua – they are required to leave their scorecards with us. And as another gentle reminder, please make sure all scorecards are signed by both the player and the marker!

What's ABOUT TO HAPPEN.....

OPENING DAY – SUNDAY January 30th

This day marks the beginning of our Club season. For those of you who enjoy something a little different, take the opportunity to play in the Opening Day event. It is a pairs competition, playing holes 1-6 in Ambrose format, holes 7-12 in Canadian Foursomes and holes 13-18 in better-ball nett.

Details and entry sheet are on the notice board outside the shop. Teams can be mixed or non-mixed and there is a separate competition for each category. Note – teams comprising 2-women are in the same competition as 2-men teams.

If you'd like to play in this event please add your name and your partner's name to the entry sheet, or call the shop and ask one of the staff to add your team to the list.

DID you know?

That is takes approximately 12 months to dry a large cut macrocarpa log unless you have a very big kiln! If anyone has access to a large kiln lets us know, otherwise that macrocarpa furniture for our outdoor balcony is still some time away, drying out by the good old natural way. Hopefully, all this means that for the start of next summer we will have some new outdoor furniture.

OUR WEBSITE

Check it out on www.temaruagolfclub.co.nz